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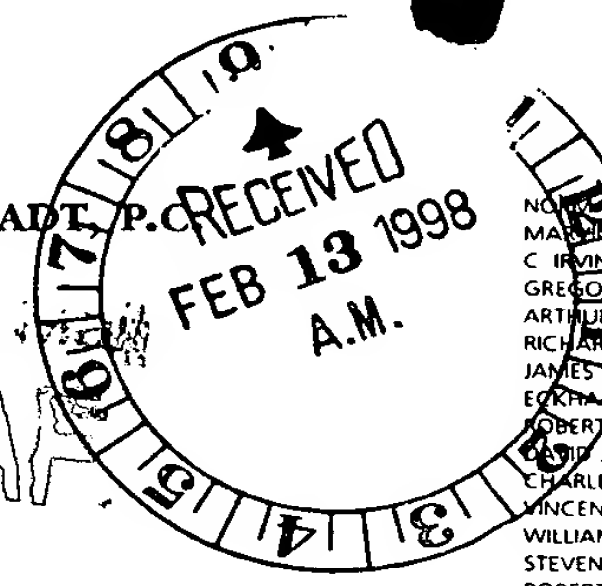
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GROUP 1501"



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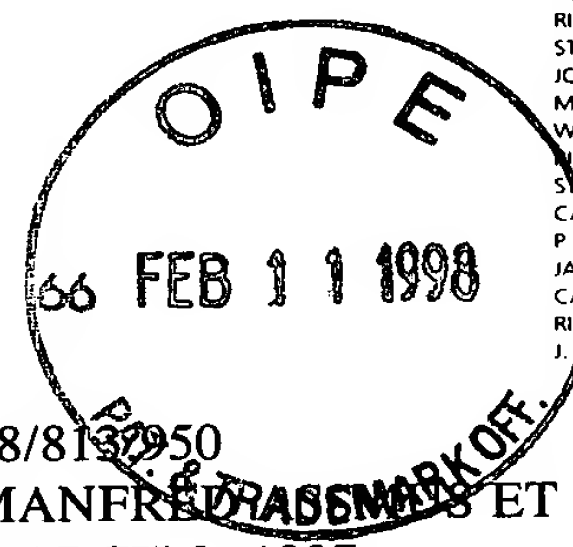
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THERMOPLASTIC COATING AND BINDING AGENT  
FOR MEDICINAL FORMS  
1501  
SELLERS



SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

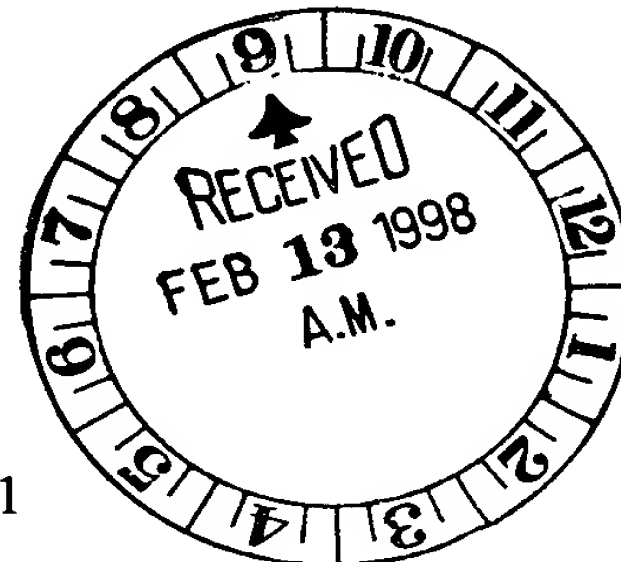
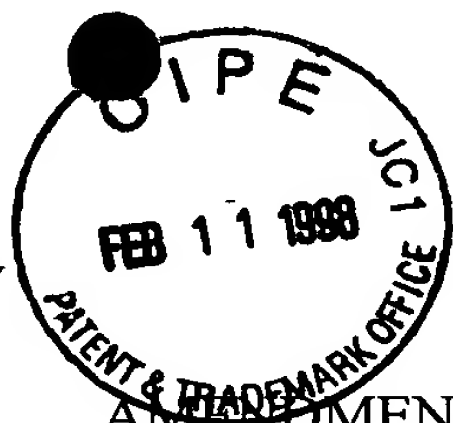
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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of December 9, 1997, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1, third line from the end, before "molecular" insert --weight average--.

Please amend Claims 17-24 to read as follows:

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~17. (Twice Amended) An oral or dermal medicinal composition containing a  
pharmaceutical active substance and a thermoplastic coating and binding agent prepared by  
[the] a method of [Claim 1] applying a thermoplastic coating and binding agent in a hot-melt